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HUOA STUDY TOUR 2009
(Oct 03, Oct 12, 2009)

Saturday, Oct 3rd Honolulu - Okinawa via Osaka (Kansai)

- 11:30a.m. Please meet your tour coordinator, Nadine Shimabukuro, at the Japan Airlines baggage check-in area located on the left hand side of the airport. Due to tight airport security, you will be checking in individually. Nadine will instruct with directions.
- 1:45p.m. Depart on Jalways Flt. #077 bound for Osaka (Kansai), Japan. In-flight service (a meal and snack) and complimentary drinks (beer, wine, and assorted soft drinks) will be served. ** Complimentary alcohol only on International flights **

Sunday, Oct 4th Welcome to Japan (Osaka - Okinawa)

- 5:50p.m. Arrival at Osaka-Kansai International Airport. Upon arrival, immigrations and customs procedures are required. After customs, we will proceed to the domestic terminal and check-in for our flight to Okinawa.
- 8:10p.m. Depart Osaka on Japan Trans Ocean Flt. #189 bound for Naha, Okinawa.
- 10:20p.m. Arrive Naha, Okinawa. At Naha Airport, please pickup your own baggage. We will proceed straight to our waiting motorcoach and be transported to HOTEL ROYAL ORION (formerly HOTEL SEIBU ORION) in Naha on famous Kokusai Doori (International Street). On foot 3 minutes away from Makishi Monorail Station.

Monday, Oct 5th Naha - Shuri - Naha

- 7:00-8:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel., choice of either Western Buffet style or Set Japanese Menu on 3rd floor.
- 9:00a.m. We will visit the OKINAWA PREFECTURAL (KEN-CHO) and the Congress building. Lunch on your expense at the "Ken-Cho" employee cafeteria. They serve Okinawa Soba, Sooki (Spare Rib) Soba, Goya Champuru (Bittermelon & Tofu), Curry Rice, Katsu Curry (curry rice with pork cutlet over the rice), Yushidofu (fresh hot tofu), and other Okinawan specialities.
- Bus departs for SHURI CASTLE. Shuri was the ancient capitol of the Ryukyu Kingdom. We visit the "SHUREI NO MON" (Gate of Courtesy). In 1972 the gate was designated as a prefectural cultural asset.
- Last stop, OKINAWA PREFECTURAL MUSEUM, opened on Nov 2007.
- 4:00p.m. Return back to HOTEL ROYAL ORION.
- Nadine can take you down to Heiwa Doori, where Hawaii people usually buy lots of Konbu, Mushroom, Nori, & etc. She will take you to the wholesale store, "Matsumoto Shoten". ¥100 Shop, Okazu places, and lots of souvenir shops along the way. (B)

Tuesday, Oct 6th Naha - Southern Okinawa

- 7:00 - 8:45a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:45a.m. Bus departs for a tour of Southern Okinawa. We will visit GYOKUSENDO PARK, which features a large underground stalactite grotto and an exhibit on poisonous Okinawa "Habu" (snake).

- 11:00a.m. Watch Eisa dance performed by local students at the cultural stage, located on the 2nd floor of the gift shop (20 minute performance).
- 11:30a.m. Lunch (Okinawan food) at Gyokusendo restaurant located on the 2nd floor.
- 12:15p.m. After lunch, free time to shop around, go back to the cultural village or you might want to see the Eisa dance performance again at 12:30p.m.
- 1:30p.m. Bus departs from Gyokusendo park for HEIWA KINENDO.
- 2:00p.m. Arrive at Heiwa Kinendo (Peace Prayer & Memorial Hall) and walk to the OKINAWA PREFECTURAL PEACE MUSEUM, which opened on April 1st 2000. The museum is divided into 4 sections: “The Road to the Battle of Okinawa”, “Okinawan on the Battlefield”, “Room of Testimony” and “From the Refugee Camps”.
Next walk to the CORNERSTONE OF PEACE (Heiwa no Ishijii). It is inscribed with names of each individual, who lost their life in the Battle of Okinawa.
- 3:30p.m. Bus departs for HIMEYURI NO TO (STAR LILY MEMORIAL) in Itoman.
- 3:45p.m. We will visit HIMEYURI NO TO (Star Lily Memorial). The monument was erected in remembrance of the female high school students who supported the Japanese military as nurses but were killed during the Battle of Okinawa. We will also go inside and tour the HIMEYURI PEACE MUSEUM.
- 5:30p.m. Return to hotel. Rest of the day is free at your leisure. (B , L)

Wednesday, Oct 7th

Naha - Northern Okinawa

- 7:00 - 8:15a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30a.m. Bus departs for a Northern Okinawa Tour. 1 stop at the service area in Igei for 5-4-4.
- 10:30a.m. Arrive at Ocean Expo Park in Motobu Town to see CHURAUMI AQUARIUM.
Churaumi means beautiful ocean in Okinawan dialect.
The aquarium is one of world class that features the world’s largest acrylic panel, which is sure to dazzle you with exotic and colorful fishes, whale sharks, and manta rays.
Be sure to ask aquarium staff for re-entry stamp before you leave aquarium.
Dolphin Show (11:00am or 1:30pm) at Oki-chan theatre, which is a few minutes walk from the aquarium.
Lunch at your own expense. Near the aquarium is the oceanview restaurant “INOH” which serves buffet style or a snack bar near Oki-chan theatre serving curry rice, American dog, (corn dog) and etc.
- 2:00p.m. Bus departs for NAGO PINEAPPLE PARK (PINEAPPLE FACTORY). Taste fresh pineapple products, wines, assorted sweet pineapple baked goods, & etc.
- 3:50p.m. Bus departs for MORI NO GARASU (RYUKYU GLASS FACTORY), here you will experience how to blow and make your own glass mug.
- 6:30p.m. Bus arrives Hotel Royal Orion. Evening is free. (B)

Thursday, Oct 8th

Naha – Shuri – Naha

- 7:00-9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
Today we will visit ZUISEN DISTILLERY CO. (Awamori Factory) in Shuri, Naha.
“Zuisen Awamori” was born and nurtured at the foot of Shuri Castle. A long established distiller (over 100 years) proud of supplying the largest volume of Awamori to stores in Okinawa. Awamori is a transparent spirituous liquor that is made with rice imported from Thailand. Like whiskey and brandy, it changes to smoother and more elegant aroma liquor by aging it for a long period time.
- 2:00p.m. Return back to hotel. (B)

Friday, Oct 9th

Free Day (Yaeyama Islands Optional Tour)

- 7:00 – 9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
Today is a free day to visit with relatives and friends or to some shopping. (B)
For those who are taking the optional Yaeyama Islands Tour, please see page #3 of this Itinerary for more information.

Saturday, Oct 10th **Free Day (Yaeyama Islands Optional Tour)**
7:00 -9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.
Today is a free day to visit with relatives and friends or to do some shopping. (B)
For those who are taking the optional Yaeyama Islands Tour, returns back to Naha.
Today early evening, there will be a parade on Kokusai Doori for the celebration of Naha Matsuri. (B)

Sunday, Oct 11th **Naha – Free Day (NAHA TSUNAHIKI)**
7:00 - 9:30a.m. Breakfast at hotel.
Today is your last day to visit relatives and friends or to do some shopping.
Also today is the 39th Annual Naha Tug of War (Tsunahiki), the largest festival in Okinawa.
Tens of thousands will join hands trying to move a 40-ton rope in the great Naha Tsunahiki,
An event that first made the way into Guinness Book of World Records in 1997. (B)

Monday, Oct 12th **Okinawa – Honolulu via Osaka (Kansai)**
7:00 - 9:30a.m. Breakfast at the hotel. Double check to make sure, you have your passport.
11:00a.m. Check-out time, all baggage should be down in the hotel lobby. If you need assistance, please call the front desk. Your baggage will be going separately via delivery truck.
12:30p.m. Depart Hotel Royal Orion for Naha Airport.
1:00p.m. Arrive Naha Airport. Please double check and make sure all your baggage has arrived at the airport.
3:50p.m. Depart on Japan Airlines Flt. #2576 bound for Osaka-Kansai, no meals served.
5:45p.m. Arrive Osaka-Kansai Airport. We will have a couple hours lay over in Osaka-Kansai, a great chance to do some last minute shopping or enjoy dinner at the airport.
8:30p.m. Please proceed through the security check and then immigration before going to the departure gate. Have your passport ready.
9:25p.m. Depart on JALways Flt. #078 bound for Honolulu, very light meal will be served in flight.
9:50a.m. Crossing the International Date Line, you will arrive in Honolulu on the same day that you departed, Tuesday, Nov 18th. Please remember to fill out your Custom Declaration form prior to arriving in Honolulu, to speed up your time in Customs.
Thank you for choosing N & K Travel Service, Inc. (B)

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE****

Tour Cost is based on min. 20 full paying people

The tour cost is subject to change according to any airfare increase and the rate of exchange between U.S. dollars and Japanese yen.

In the event of revaluation, the tour cost may be adjusted prior to your final payment.

Full Payment is due by Sept 28, 2009

Tour cost: based on ¥100 per U.S. dollar:

Twin / Triple Occupancy: \$2750.00 per person

Tour Cost: based on ¥95 per U.s. dollar:

Twin / Triple Occupancy: \$2800.00 per person